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On the download landing page scroll down to the section on the NCI Thesaurus. There are several formats available for download; OWL, XML (both the inferred and asserted versions in a format suitable for use in Apelon DTS) and flat file. Decide which version you want and follow the link to the download page. You will be routed thru a registration and then a license page before you come to the actual download page. You can register as a user if you want, but you don't have to. You do need to acknowledge the license terms and conditions (basically under the license you can do anything you want with the NCI Thesaurus content except to change it while still calling it NCI Thesaurus.)

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This url will give you information on the <u>Semantic Types</u>.

This page will give you a chart of the Semantic Types and their hierarchies. <u>Semantic Types and Hierarchy</u>.

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